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U.S. POSITION ON RAILWAY BONDS CASE CRITICIZED

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[Text] Washington, February 11 (XINHUA) -- The United States Department of State yesterday issued a statement on the so-called Huguang (Guangdong-Hankou) railway bonds in an attempt to justify a default judgment issued by a U.S. District Court and the position of the U.S. Government on the question.

The statement read out by State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said: "A class action suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Alabama in November 1979 on behalf of certain individuals who hold bon's issued by the Government of China in 1911 for construction of the Huguang railway. The Chinese Government did not appear in court to present its views concerning its immunity from U.S. judicial processes. The judge subsequently issued a default judgment."

The statement said: "Our law recognized the concept of sovereign immunity in cases arising from public, governmental actions of a foreign state." But is continued that "under international law foreign states do not enjoy absolute immunity and may be sued for actions taken in a commercial capacity."

In this connection, an aide memoire delivered by the Chinese Foreign Ministry to the U.S. side on February 2, 1983 points out: "Sovereign immunity is an important principle of international law. It is based on the principle of sovereign equality of all states as confirmed by the Charter of the United Nations."

In fact, the argument contained in the U.S. State Department statement that "foreign states do not enjoy absolute immunity" is not universally accepted in the world, neither is it an acknowledged norm of international law.

The statement of the U.S. State Department said that "the department has taken no position on the merits of this litigation," but it hopes China would solve this issue in accordance with the U.S. judicial processes. This is in fact an attempt to shirk the U.S. Government's responsibility and force U.S. laws on China.

In its aide memoire, the Chinese Foreign Ministry has made it clear that the Chinese Government firmly rejects the verdict of the U.S. District Court.

REAGAN STATEMENT ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY VIEWED

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[Text] Washington, February 11 (XINHUA) -- U.S. Plesident Ronald Reagan issued a statement on American's foreign relations here today after receiving extensive briefings from Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George Shultz on their just-concluded trips to Europe and Asia. Reagan said: "Clearly, their journeys have reinforced American policy and have set the stage for added progress in the future in two areas of the world enormously important to our country and our people."

He also said he was "personally...prepared to meet Mr. Andropov anywhere, any time to sign an agreement to eliminate all land-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles weapons from the face of the earth." In his statement, Reagan stood by his "zero option" but said he was "willing to explore any serious Soviet proposal."

Concerning Bush's seven-nation Western-European tour, Reagan said: "The message that the vice president carried and the favorable responses he received reflect a solid expression of allied unity that we can all be proud of." The President noted that the U.S. and its European allies were "one in wanting genuine arms control."

Reagan said that he thought Shultz' trip to Asia was "extremely successful" and "of great significance." He also said he agreed with Shultz' assessment that "much of the world's future is tied up with events in Asia and the Pacific..."

Bush told a press conference afterwards that he believed an agreement on European missiles could be reached this year even though the Kremlin had not yet offered what he called serious proposals.

SHULTZ OPTIMISTIC ON U.S.-ASIAN RELATIONS

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[Text] Washington, February 10 (XINHUA) -- U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz declared here today after returning from a 12-day Asian trip that he was convinced that "much of the future lies in Asia."

"The trip that President Reagan sent me on underlines the importance of Asia in the President's global policy," he said in an arrival statement at the Andrews Air Force Base. "I saw a vibrancy and creativity there that convinces me that much of the future lies in Asia."

Shultz also said that when he reported to President Reagan, he would tell him that U.S. bonds with "sturdy allies" Japan and South Korea were strong and that there was a solid basis of common interests on which to build a closer relationship with China.

REPORTAGE ON S.E. ASIAN TOUR BY USSR'S KAPITSA

Visit to Thailand

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[Report by reporters Wang Rongjiu [3769 2837 0036] and Yang Qun [2799 5028]: "Kapitsa Visits Thailand To Speak for Vietnam; Thai Leaders Refute Soviet Fallacies"]

[Text] Kapitsa, the Soviet deputy foreign minister, visited Thailand from 7 to 9 February. He leaves Bangkok for Hanoi today.

After the talks, Arun Phanupong, the Thai deputy foreign minister, told the press. The Soviet Union has not brought any new suggestions for solving the Kampuchean issue, and Thailand is greatly disappointed because it thinks that the Soviet Union should play an important role in solving the Kampuchean issue. Deputy Foreign Minister Arun said that he told his Soviet counterpart that the situation created by the Vietnamese troops along the Thai-Kampuchean border had become very dangerous. However, Kapitsa did his utmost to defend Vietnam and, in addition, regardless of the fact that the Vietnamese troops keep using Soviet-made shells to kill and injure Thais along its border, he made the false countercharge that Thai newspapers frequently publish articles on a Soviet threat. The Thai deputy foreign minister replied that the Thai newspapers did not mean to be hard on the Soviet Union, but they published such articles because the Soviet Union gave support to its ally, which kept creating troubles for Thailand.

On his arrival at Bangkok Airport on 7 February, Kapitsa sang the same old tune of opening "direct dialogue" between Thailand, ASEAN and the Indochinese nations. Concerning this, Prasong, secretary general of Thailand's National Security Council, said: Unless a superpower thinks that to occupy the territory of another country by force and to kill the innocent people there is nothing unusual, it will not casually say that talks can improve the relationship between Thailand and Vietnam.

On 9 February, Thailand's SING SIAM YIT PAO published an editorial which says: "Outwardly, it wants ASEAN to negotiate with the Indochinese nations; in fact, it wants people to recognize the Phnom Penh regime and that the Vietnamese aggression is 'legal.' In addition, it wants to break up the Democratic Kampuchean Coalition Government and deny the resolutions of the UN General Assembly." The editorial points out that this is the aggressor's secret plot.

People realize that during Kapitsa's visit to Thailand, the Vietnamese troops... have invaded Kampuchea, strengthened their offensive against the Kampuchean resistance force and brutally bombarded the Kampuchean refugee camp along the Thai-Kampuchean border. According to certain reports, on 8 February, covered by tanks, the Vietnamese troops that have invaded Kampuchea, launched an attack on the No 007 Kampuchean camp which faces Nong Samet, Thailand, making 4,000 to 5,000 refugees flee to Thailand.

Departs Vietnam for Moscow

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[Text] Beijing, February 13 (XINHUA) -- Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa left Hanoi for home Saturday at the end of a four-day visit to Vietnam.

Kapitsa arrived in Hanoi from Bangkok on February 9 after his tour of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. During his stay there, according to VNA, Kapitsa met Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and had talks with Deputy Foreign Minister Ha Van Lau on bilateral relations and international issues of mutual concern. The two sides noted with "satisfaction" that "the fraternal cooperation between the two countries in all fields has vigorously and firmly developed."

Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Vietnam Phan Van Dong received Kapitsa on February 10. He reaffirmed Vietnamese full support for the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. He said that Kapitsa's visit "is an embodiment of the close cooperation between the foreign ministries of the two countries."

According to AFP, in an interview with its correspondent in Hanoi, Kapitsa reiterated Soviet support to the Vietnamese proposal on holding a "regional conference" between Indochinese countries and ASEAN (the Association of South East Asian Nations), a proposal which has been rejected by the ASEAN countries. He said: "The Soviet Union is ready to participate with other (U.N.) Security Council member countries in the conference."

His remarks indicated that his visit to the three ASEAN countries were aimed at peddling the proposal in an attempt to legalize Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea and the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin regime. He said that the Soviet Union had called on ASEAN countries to "take into account the suggestion for an end to the conflict in Indochina so as to pave the way to the negotiation table."

Kapitsa also attacked the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as "having no future."

RENMIN RIBAO Commentary

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["Short" commentary: "Kapitsa's Southeast Asian Tour"]

[Text] The Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union Kapitsa paid a visit respectively to Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand from 31 January to 9 February and then went to Vietnam. This is the first visit of a senior official of the Soviet Union to Southeast Asia since the new leadership came to power.

According to Kapitsa himself, the purpose of his current visit was to "be familiar with the situation." But judging from the news reports, his actual attempt was to peddle the so-called "proposal" to legalize the Phnom Penh puppet regime by holding talks between Indochina and the ASEAN countries, which was once put forward by Vietnam but opposed by the ASEAN countries. As a result, he time and again attacked the Democratic Kampuchea Coalition Government and its President Prince Sihanouk, and tried to impose the "proposal" raised by the Soviet Union and Vietnam on the ASEAN countries.

As a matter of fact, the situation of Southeast Asia is nothing strange to Kapitsa. It was precisely due to the support of the Soviet Union that Vietnam invaded Kampuchea, thus menacing the peace and security of Southeast Asia. At present, the Soviet Union is trying to take advantage of the situation in Kampuchea to steadily increase its military existence in Indochina and turn Vietnam's Da Nang and Vung Cam Rarh, and Kampuchea's Chhung Kompong Som into its military base in Southeast Asia. The ASEAN countries, confronted with the tense and turbulent Southeast Asian situation, have strongly opposed Vietnam's aggression in Kampuchea, supported the just struggles of the patriotic forces of Kampuchea against Vietnam and demanded that Vietnam act according to the concerned resolutions adopted by the United Nations and withdraw all its troops from Kampuchea, so as to resolve the Kampuchean issue in a just and rational manner. Through his current visit, Kapitsa should have come to a sober understanding of the attitude of the ASEAN countries toward the Kampuchean issue.

However, besides prating that "the sole wish of the Soviet Union is to enable the Southeast Asian countries to realize stability and cooperation," "the Soviet Union and Thailand should become good frineds," must "cooperate instead of being hostile" and so on, Kapitsa did nothing worth mentioning to ease the situation.

On the contrary, while Kapitsa was visiting the ASEAN countries, the Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea launched large-scale attacks against the resistance forces, intruded into Thailand and even attacked and destroyed the Nong Cham refugee camp at the Thai-Kampuchean borders. The Soviet press also openly attacked China and the president of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, Samdech Norodom Sihanouk. All this shows that Kapitsa's Southeast Asian tour was only aimed at continuing Soviet support for Vietnamese aggression against Kampuchea, and not in the least for peace in this region.

PRC FILM GROUP'S JUBILEE MARKED IN MOSCOW

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[Text] Moscow, February 10 (XINHUA) -- A film evening was arranged here this evening to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Film Artists' Association.

The film evening was jointly sponsored by the Union of Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, the union's Association of Cinema Activists and the Soviet-Chinese Friendship Society.

Part of the Chinese film "Street-Corner Angel," and "Huangshan" and "Seagull" were shown in the evening.

Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union Yang Shouzheng and other diplomats from the Chinese Embassy were present on the occasion.

ZHAO HOSTS SIHANOUK AT SPRING FESTIVAL PARTY

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[Text] Beijing, February 11 (XINHUA) -- Premier Zhao Ziyang entertained Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, president of Democratic Kampuchea, and Madame Sihanouk at a buffet here this evening to greet the Spring Festival which falls on February 13. Premier Zhao shook hands and exchanged festival greetings with Samdech and Madame Sihanouk at the reception hall.

Sihanouk said he and his wife, as old and close friends of the Chinese people, were very happy to celebrate the Spring Festival once again with Chinese leaders this year. He said the Chinese Communist Party is charting the correct road for the Chinese people who have wen victory after victory in building their own country. This gladdens the Third World countries, including Democratic Kampuchea, he said. The Kampuchean people sincerely wish China prosperity, he added.

At the party, Chinese artists presented Chinese and Kampuchean songs and foreign songs and acrobatic items which drew repeated applause.

Present on the happy occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Ngapoi Ngawang Jigme, State Councillor Ji Pengfei, Vice-Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Qian Changzhao, Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Xueqian, and Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Zhang Zhen. On hand were Democratic Kampuchean Ambassador to China Pech Cheang and other Kampuchean guests now in Beijing.

HU ZIANG DESCRIBES VISIT TO HONG KONG

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[Text] Beijing, 7 Feb (XINHUA) -- The United Front Work Department of the CPC Central Committee held a forum yesterday afternoon at the Great Hall of the People at which Hu Ziang, head of the delegation of the All-China Federation of Industrialists and Businessmen, who returned from a visit to Hong Kong and Macao, gave his impressions of the visit.

Hu Ziang pointed out: The people of all walks of life in Hong Kong and Macao are paying close attention to the new Constitution and the Sixth 5-Year Plan adopted at the Fifth Session of the Fifth NPC and the great enthusiasm displayed by the people of the motherland for creating a new situation in all fields of modernization. The patriotic industrialists and businessmen in Hong Kong and Macao are willing to make contributions toward the four modernizations of the motherland.

Attending this forum were responsible persons of the United Front Work Department of the CPC Central Committee and the All-China Federation of Industrialists and Businessmen Yang Jingren and Rong Yiren.

CHEN MUHUA-LED DELEGATION RETURNS FROM ROMANIA

Departure From Romania

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[Text] Bucharest, February 10 (XINHUA) -- The Chinese Government delegation led by State Councillor Chen Muhua left here for home today after attending the fourth session of the Sino-Romanian Economic and Technical Cooperation Committee. The delegation was seen off by Romanian First Deputy Prime Minister Ion Dinca and Minister of Foreign Trade and International Economic Cooperation Vasil Dungan.

Arrival in Beijing

OW111153 Beijing XINHUA in English 0821 GMT 11 Feb 83

[Text] Beijing, February 11 (XINHUA) -- A Chinese Government delegation returned to Beijing this afternoon after attending the fourth meeting of the Sino-Romanian Economic and Technical Cooperation Committee and signing the Sino-Romanian goods exchange and payments protocol for 1983 in Bucharest.

Leader of the delegation is Chen Muhua, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, state councillor, minister of foreign economic relations and trade, and Chinese chairman of the Sino-Romanian committee.

The delegation was met at the airport by Gu Mu, member of the Secretariat of the C.P.C. Central Committee and state councillor; Qian Qichen, vice-minister of foreign affairs; and Wei Yuming, vice-minister of foreign economic relations and trade.

Cristache Mocanu, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Romanian Embassy here, was also on hand.

OVER 1,500 POLISH DETAINEES APPLY FOR AMNESTY

OW091406 Beijing XINHUA in English 0700 GMT 9 Feb 83

[Text] Warsaw, February 8 (XINHUA) -- More than 1,500 people detained or sentenced since the imposition of martial law on December 13, 1981, had applied for clemency under a scheme announced last December when martial law was suspended, said Polish Government spokesman Jerzy Urban today.

Speaking at his weekly news conference, Urban said that more than ten people have been granted amnesty so far. The Justice Department is dealing with these applications seriously, he said. The spokesman said: "In any country an amnesty is an exceptional act, and the situation has not matured to the stage where the authorities could consider it at present."

Asked about the total lifting of martial law, Urban said that conditions for lifting martial law altogether also hinged on "relations with certain Western countries and the functioning of economic sanctions which do not create a normal situation."

ZHOU, OTHERS ADDRESS SPRING FESTIVAL EVENTS

Get-Together at Great Hall

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[Text] Beijing, February 13 (XINHUA) -- Chinese party and state leaders joined 4,000 people from various walks of life in the capital at a Spring Festival get-together in the Great Hall of the People here this morning.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council, Premier Zhao Ziyang extended festival greetings to people all over the country, to the commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, to compatriots in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and abroad, and to the foreign experts working here to help in China's construction.

Addressing the gathering, Zhao Ziyang called on the nation to speed up the reform in all fields, complete the reform of leading organs at provincial, municipal and autonomous region levels as well as at prefectural and city levels and strive to fulfil and overfulfil China's 1983 economic plan.

Premier Zhao described the year of 1982 as one of tremendous successes on all fronts. China is full of vitality with a continuous development of political stability and unity, he said. He said that China will further strengthen unity with the Third World and the people of all countries to oppose hegemonism, safeguard world peace and work for the progress of all humanity.

At today's get-together, people chatted about the achievements of the past year, looked forward to the new year, and watched a program of songs, dances and operas together.

Hu Zi'ang, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Bainqen Erdini Qoigyi Gyaincain, vice-chairman of the N.P.C. Standing Committee, and representatives from various circles spoke at the _et-together. They expressed the determination to pool their strength and wisdom and strive to make greater contributions in the new year to China's modernization and reunification.

Among those present were party and state leaders Li Xiannian, Wei Guoqing, Ulanhu, Fang Yi, Li Desheng, Yang Dezhi, Yu Qiuli, Song Renqiong, Zhang Tingfa, Hu Qiaomu, Ni Zhifu, Yao Yilin, Qin Jiwei, Chen Muhua, Deng Liqun, Gu Mu. Hu Qili, Qiao Shi, Bo Yibo, Wang Heshou, Peng Chong, Seypidin, Ngapoi Ngawang Jigme, Xu Deheng, Xu Jingguang, Shi Liang, Zhu Xuefan, Ji Pengfei, Huang Hua and Zhang Jingfu, and Vice-Chairmen of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Polticial Consultative Conference Lu Dingyi, Kang Keqing, Rong Yiren, Cheng Zihua, Yang Xiufeng, Burhan, Zhou Peiyuan and Qian Changzhao.

Also present were members of the C.P.C. Central Committee, the Central Advisory Commission, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, and the Military Commission of the C.P.C. Central Committee; members of the Standing Committees of the National People's Congress and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, leading members of various departments under the C.P.C. Central Committee and the government, the units of the People's Liberation Army stationed in Beijing, and democratic parties; and noted personages from various circles, as well as compatriots from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao and representatives of overseas Chinese.

Text of Zhao Ziyang Speech

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[Text] Beijing, 13 Feb (XINHUA) -- Zhao Ziyang's Spring Festival message:

Comrades and friends:

Today we are happily gathering in this hall to hold the 1983 Spring Festival celebration get-together. On behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, I would like to extend my warm festival greetings and cordial regards to comrades and friends present; to the nation's workers, peasants, intellectuals, cadres and people of all walks of life and of all nationalities; to all PLA commanders and fighters who defend our great motherland and all public security cadres and policemen who maintain social order; to all veteran comrades who have retired or left their posts for recuperation; to compatriots in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao and Chinese nationals residing abroad; and to all foreign experts who help with our country's socialist modernization.

At a time when people throughout the country are happily celebrating the Spring Festival, millions of workers, commanders and fighters are holding fast at their production, work and fighting posts, working selflessly for the sake of the happiness, joy, health and security of people throughout the country. Here I want to express my heartfelt thanks to them and their families.

The year 1982 was a year in which the people of our country achieved tremendous success on all fronts. In 1982 the 12th CPC National Congress formulated the grand guiding principle of creating a new situation in all fields of socialist modernization and adopted the new party constitution that conforms to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Zedong Thought and meets the demands for building and purifying the party in the new period. In 1982 the Fifth Session of the Fifth National People's Congress adopted the new Constitution that develops socialist democracy and the legal system, and approved the Sixth 5-Year Plan for China's economic and social development. The political situation of stability, unity and liveliness in our country continued its development. Our national economy grew steadily and thrived in the course of readjustment, consolidation and reform. Agricultural production continued to increase in al all-round way, with all-time high bumper harvests of grain and cotton. The industrial production plan was overfulfilled. The market was prosperous and the people's living standards further improved. While the political and economic situation is becoming better and better, the people of various nationalities are elated and full of confidence in building socialism with Chinese characteristics. They are determined to make still greater contributions to building material civilization and socialist spiritual civilization in the days to come.

All the achievements made in all fields last year were the result of reform which our party and government and the people of various nationalities throughout the country had the courage to undertake. In the new year we must work even harder and advance along the course of reform. We will accomplish the restructuring of the provincial, municipal and autonomous regional as well as the prefectural and city administrations, and we will continue to attain the cooperation between old and new cadres and the succession of the new to the old in leading groups. We will quicken our pace of reform in the economic sphere and other sectors. In accordance with actual needs, the reform will be carried out comprehensively, systematically, firmly and in an orderly manner, step by step under good leadership. The reform must be pretested and proceed in proper order by stages. We should neither hesitate, wait and see and do nothing, nor rush headlong into mass action and arbitrarily seek uniformity regardless of objective realities. It has been approximately 5 years since we began reform and the output-related system of contracted responsibility in the rural areas.

We demonstrated typical cases of success, undertook easier projects first and then harder ones, adopted various forms of reform according to local situations, explored ways and means in the course of practice and achieved a unity in thinking step by step. As a result the reform, which is so large in scale and so profound in significance, proceeded very smoothly and soundly and yielded very remarkable results which exceeded people's expectations. The reform of urban industry and commerce and of the economic management system as a whole will no doubt be more complex than the agricultural reform. However, our success in agricultural reform has further shown us a clear and definite orientation for the reform of urban industry and commerce and for other reforms and strengthened our confidence. At the same time, it has shown us the correct way to carry out successful and sound reform. We should sum up past experience and use it as a basis to study new situations, solve new problems and provide good leadership over the reform work.

We must pay special attention to economic work, continue to implement the principle of readjustment, restructuring, consolidation and upgrading, uphold the principle of supplementing the planned economy -- which is the mainstay -- with market regulation, and strive to improve economic results in the spheres of production, construction and circulation. We must strive to fulfill and overfulfill this year's national economic plan, make our major construction projects a success and prepare the conditions for future development.

We must energetically strengthen our educational, scientific and cultural work, and thoroughly eliminate the prejudice of looking down upon science and knowledge and holding intellectuals in contempt. We must show our warm concern for intellectuals and strive to improve their working and living conditions so that they can concentrate more attentively on the four modernizations and bring their wisdom and talents into full play.

Beginning this winter we will carry out party consolidation by stages throughout the country in order to consolidate our party organizations, eradicate bad work style, purify our party ranks, increase our party's fighting strength and heighten our party's prestige among the people.

We must further build the PLA into more revolutionary, modernized and regular armed forces so that their defense capabilities in modern warfare can be enhanced.

The Chinese people always treasure their friendship and cooperation with the people of various countries in the world. Not long ago some of my colleagues of the State Council and I paid official friendly visits to 11 African countries. The visits achieved satisfactory results and strengthened ties between our country and African nations. The enthusiasm and friendship displayed by the governments and people of those countries towards the Chinese Government and people have left happy memories in my mind. I would like to take this opportunity to convey their enthusiasm and friendship to our people and thank them again.

In the new year we will, as always, continue to strengthen our unity with Third World countries and people throughout the world, oppose hegemonism, safeguard world peace and promote human progress. We will, on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence, continue to develop our ties with various countries of the world, carry out friendly exchanges and expand economic and technical exchanges with them.

When we jubilantly celebrate the Spring Festival, we dearly cherish the memory of our compatriots in Taiwan, the Penghus [Fescadores], Jinmen [Quemoy], Mazu [Matsu], Hong Kong and Macao as well as the Chinese nationals residing abroad. We hope that in the new year we will make concerted efforts to push forward the great cause of our motherland's reunification. We believe that the day will come eventually when our nation will no longer be artificially divided.

Comrades and friends: This is a very important year. While we mark this auspicious occasion and see off the old year, we must display the spirit of destroying the old and establishing the new and of daring to reform so that new progress and new accomplishments can be achieved in all quarters. Now, as a new spring begins, the vast land of our motherland is engulfed by the beauty of spring. "Time and our tasks are becoming more and more pressing daily." Confronted with new, glorious tasks, we must treasure our time, heighten our spirit, work hard in a down-to-earth way and advance to achieve new victories.

I wish you comrades and friends a happy Spring Festival. I wish our old comrades and old friends good health and long life.

Others Speak at Get-Together

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[By reporters Qu Jian Chong, Li Shangzhi and Zou Aiguo]

[Text] Beining, 13 Feb (XINHUA) -- The Great Hall of the People w filled with joy and an atmosphere of spring today. Party and stage leaders joined 4,500 people of all walks of life in the capital at a Spring Festival get-together to see off the old year, usher in the new and celebrate the Spring Festival together here this morning.

Zhao Ziyang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and premier of the State Council; Li Xiannian, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee; and others attended the get-together.

Song Renqiong, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, presided over the meeting. He announced that the participants at the get-together were: members and alternate members of the CPC Central Committee who were in Beijing; members of the Advisory Commission, the Discipline Inspection Commission and the Military Commission of the CPC Central Committee; members of the NPC Standing Committee; members of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee; responsible persons of various departments under the party Central Committee and the central government; responsible persons of PLA leading organs, various mass organizations, various democratic parties and Beijing Municipality: representatives of various minority nationalities: representatives and well-known figures of various fronts: some veteran cadres who have been transferred to second-line or third-line posts; relatives of some deceased veteran comrades and well-known figures; some compatriots from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao and some overseas Chinese; and some foreign experts who help with our development.

Song Renqiong said: In front of each of you is a simple cup of tea. The purpose of this get-together is to joyfully celebrate the Spring Festival, enhance our vigor and further create a new situation of socialist modernization.

Zhao Ziyang delivered a Spring Festival message amid warm applause. On behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, he extended warm festival greetings and cordial regards to comrades and friends from various circles present; to the nation's workers, peasants, intellectuals, cadres and people of all walks of life and of all nationalities; to all PLA commanders and fighters who defend our great motherland and all public security cadres and policemen who maintain social order; to all veteran comrades who have retired or left their posts for recuperation; to the compatriots in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao and Chinese nationals residing abroad; and to all foreign experts who help with our country's socialist modernization.

Hu Ziang, vice chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, said in his speech: The proposal that all trades and professions should carry out reforms, put forward by the party Central Committee, conforms with the law of historical development and is warmly supported by the people throughout the country. He said: The CPPCC is an organization of the Chinese People's Patriotic United Front. It is duty-bound to undertake the reform which concerns the future and destiny of our motherland.

We certainly will do our utmost to unite various democratic parties and mass organizations and patriots of various circles; enthusiastically take action to plunge ourselves into the mighty torrent which destroys the old, creates the new, keeps what is good and eliminates what is bad; and add luster to the great cause of our motherland.

Bainqen Erdini Qoigyi Gyaincain, vice chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, said in his speech: It also happens to be the new year's day of the year of pig on the Tibetan calendar today. While we are celebrating the Spring Festival here together, I feel especially happy. He said: We people of various nationalities have profoundly realized in practice that so love our nationality and to love our motherland are one and the same. Various nationalities in China can truly achieve all-round political, economical and cultural prosperity and development only when they place themselves under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, strengthen unity in the big socialist family, help and support each other, strive to defend and consolidate the unification of the motherland and persistently take the socialist road. In the new year we must further develop the socialist relations of equality, unity and mutual assistance among various nationalities and strive to create a new situation in nationalities affairs.

Then Bainqen Erdini Qoighy Gyaincain joyfully presented two white "hada" [Tibetan gift usually made of thin, tough silk] to Comrades Zhao Ziyang and Li Xiannian.

In his talk Ba Bi, Standing Committee member of the CPPCC National Committee, reviewed his experiences following his return to the mainland from Taiwan more than a year ago. He said: I am very happy to be able to take part in the great cause of building a modern, culturally advanced and highly democratic socialist country. I earnestly hope that people of various circles in Taiwan and the Kuomintang authorities, including Mr Chiang Ching-kuo, will soon join us in the modernization drive and the common struggle against hegemonism and to safeguard world peace. I think that the hopes of the Chinese people lie in the Chinese mainland.

Sun Yi, representative of the PLA, said: In the new year the People's Liberation Army must firmly and unwaveringly stand in the forefront of reform. We should modestly learn from the good experiences of all fronts, create a new situation in army-building and build our army into a wall of steel guarding the socialist motherland.

Yan Jiaqi, member of the Administrative Committee of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said: Our country is now engaged in a creative construction program unprecedented in complexity in the history of mankind. This is a social construction program of a gigantic scale and it requires the workers, peasants and intellectuals to work hard and in concert. He said: Under the party's leadership, China has not only emerged in the world as a great and powerful socialist country but it will influence the whole world with its highly developed science and culture.

Dai Xiusheng, chief engineer of the Beijing Wool, Hemp and Silk Industry Corporation, said: The great goal of quadrupling the gross annual industrial and agricultural output value in 20 years plus the policy of reform — this is where the hopes of our country and nation lie. With a great goal we see a bright future, and with the policy of reform we have the driving force to forge ahead and the guarantee for achieving the great goal. We must firmly stand in the forefront of reform, earnestly consolidate the enterprises, strive to improve the operational and management level and turn out more quality goods at reasonable prices to meet the people's demands.

Many people gathered this morning in the banquet hall of the Great Hall of the People, the brilliant performances by theatrical and acrobatic workers added to the gaiety of the gathering.

Present at the get-together were: Guoqing, Ulanhu, Fang Yi, Li Desheng, Yang Dezhi, Yu Qiuli, Zhang Tingfa, Hu Qiaomu, Ni Zhifu, Yao Yilin, Qin Jiwei, Chen Muhua, Deng Liqun, Gu Mu, Hu Qili, Qiao Shi, Bo Yibo, Wang Heshou, Peng Chong, Seypidin, Ngapoi Ngawang Jigme, Xu Deheng, Xiao Jingguang, Shi Liang, Zhu Xuefan, Ji Pengfei, Huang Hua, Zhang Jingfu, Huang Huoqing, Lu Dingyi, Kang Keqing, Rong Yiren, Cheng Zihua, Yang Xiufeng, Burhan Shahidi, Zhou Peiyuan and Qian Changzhao as well as Duan Junyi and Jiao Ruoyu, responsible persons of Beijing Municipality.

Today's get-together was joinly sponsored by the general offices of the CPC Central Committee, the NPC Standing Committee, the State Council, the Military Commission of the CPC Central Committee and the CPPCC National Committee.

Wan Li, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice premier of the State Council attended a Spring Festival tea party in Tianjin yesterday evening. Xi Zhongxun, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, attended the Spring Festival get-together held in Fuzhou this morning by Fujian Province and Fuzhou PLA units. Chen Pixian, member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, attended a Spring Festival get-together in Shanghai this morning to celebrate the festival together with people of various circles there. Hao Jianxiu, alternate member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, and Wang Zhaoguo, first secretary of the CYL Central Committee, last night went to the Hainan iron mine on Hainan Island to extend Spring Festival greetings to the workers on duty.

Zhao at Beijing People's Fete

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[Text] Beijing, February 13 (XINHUA) -- Twenty thousand Beijing residents gathered at the Great Hall of the People here this evening in celebration of the Spring Festival.

Premier Zhao Ziyang and other party and state leaders joined in the evening party. Comrade Hoang Van Hoan also attended.

A festive atmosphere prevailed at the 10,000-seat auditorium and all other major halls of the building. Items include songs, dances, films, acrobatics, sports performances, chess games, entertainment and riddles. Among the holidaymakers were workers, peasants, students, cadres, scientists, technicians, armymen, overseas Chinese and compatriots from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

Leading troupes from Beijing and various provinces gave a program of music, songs and dances. A Tang Dynasty courst performance, revived in its full splendor by the Shaanxi Song and Dance Ensemble, brought people back to the golden age of the ancient Chinese culture ten centuries ago. Acrobats returning from an international contest held earlier last January in Paris entertained the audience with three prizewinning items. On the program also were the dance drama "Tales of the Silk Road" portraying the friendship between the Chinese people and people of other lands, and songs and dances of Asian, African and Latin-American countries.

In another hall a number of national champions and up-and-coming sports youngsters gave an exhibition of gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics and "wushu" (traditional Chinese martial arts). The most attractive items were given by Li Ning and Tong Fei, champion and runner-up of the men's individual all-round event at the 1982 Sixth World Cup Gymnastics Tournament in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

A corner of the hall outside the auditorium was turned into a temporary puppet theatre where many children sat on campstools with their parents and grandparents, enjoying fairy tales.

Elderly people were seen queuing up with children carrying kites, balloons and dolls before various entertainment centers to try their luck at the laser shooting, angling and electronically-controlled ball games. Some big department stores set up counters on every floor selling toys, fruits and their new product -- cakes of the Qing Dynasty style.

A similar party will be held tomorrow evening for family members of armymen and revolutionary martyrs, armymen, peasants, primary and high school teachers, shop assistants, barbers, street sweepers and other service workers.

Deng, Peng at Hangzhou Event

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[Text] Hangzhou, February 13 (XINHUA) -- Deng Xiaoping and Peng Zhen joined local leaders and nearly 500 people from all walks of life in a Spring Festival gathering here this morning.

Deng Xiaoping is Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Central Advisory Commission of the C.P.C. Peng Zhen is member of the Political Bureau of the C.P.C. Central Committee and vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

Tie Ying, Li Fengping and other leaders of the local party, government and army accompanied them at a theatrical performance. At the end of the performance, Deng Xiaoping and Peng Zhen stepped onto the stage to extend festival greetings to all those present, and had a photo taken with the actors and actresses.

Also present were Jiang Hua, president of the Supreme People's Court, and Xiang Shouzhi, commander of the Nanjing units of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Deng Attends Zheijiang Party

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[Text] Deng Xiaoping, Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, chairman of the Military Commission of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Advisory Commission; Peng Zhen, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; and Jiang Hua, Standing Committee member of the Central Advisory Commission and president of the Supreme People's Court, who are on an inspection tour in Hangzhou, this morning attended a greetings exchange party on the occasion of Spring Festival held by the Zhejiang Provincial CPC Committee, the Standing Committee of the provincial people's congress, the provincial people's government, the provincial military district and the provincial CPPCC Committee in the hall of the Hangzhou Hotel. They happily joined leading comrades of the party, government and army as well as nearly 500 persons from various circles in our province, in celebrating the festival and watching literary and art performances.

When Deng Xiaoping, Peng Zhen and other leading comrades of the central organs, accompanied by Comrades Tie Ying, Li Fengping, Wang Fang, Xue Ju and Commander of Nanjing Military Region Xiang Shouzhi, entered the hall in step and with smiles on their faces, bursts of warm applause rang out. With delight, Comrades Deng Xiaoping and Peng Zhen waved repeatedly to others.

Present at the party were leading comrades of the provincial CPC Committee, the Standing Committee of the provincial People's Congress, the provincial government, the provincial military district and the provincial CPPCC Committee -- namely, Tie Ying, Le Fengping, Chen Zuolia, Wang Fang, Zhang Jingtang, Xue Ju, Cui Jian, Jiang Baodi, Yuan Fanglie Wang Yaoting, Li Chaolong, Zhai Xiwu, Li Kechang, (Sang Jingcai), Chen Anyu, Liu Dan, Liu Zizheng, Xia Qi, Li Yuhua, Li Lanyan, Wang Qidong, Zhu Zuxiang, Yu Jiyi, Xing Zitao, Tang Yuanbing, Liu Yifu, Wu Zhichuan, Mou Haixiu, Kang Mingcai, Luo Qingtao, Guo Shijun, Zhang Feng, Zhang Qiliang, (Wan Keming), Zhang Youfu, Mao Qihua, Zhang Renzhi, Zhu Zhiguang, Chen Li, Wu Youxin, Wang Jiwu, Peng Ruilin, He Zhibin and (Feng Qiyun).

At the party Tie Ying, first secretary of the Zhejiang Provincial CPC Committee, delivered a message of greetings. On behalf of the provincial CPC Committee, the Standing Committee of the provincial People's Congress, the provincial military district and the provincial CPPCC Committee, he extended warm Spring Festival greetings to all the workers, peasants, PLA commanders and fighters, cadres, intellectuals and the people of all walks of life in the province.

Comrade Tie Ying said: Although the work in 1983 covers a multitude of things it can be summarized in the following two sentences: It is essential to carry out reforms with great determination. It is necessary to firmly grasp economy. It is hoped that all Communist Party members, the cadres at all levels and men of insight from all walks of life would actively mobilize themselves to stand firmly in the forefront to make reforms and become pacesetters in carrying out reforms. Comrade Tie Ying said: This year's economic tasks are also quite arduous. We must further develop our economy in our province with emphasis on improving economic results. In either making reforms or developing economic construction we must pay full attention to knowledge and to intellectuals, promote a large number of young and middle-aged intellectuals — who have both ability and political integrity — to leading posts at all levels, and implement cooperation between the old and new cadres and the succession of the new to the old.

The literary and art workers of the Zhejiang Kunqu Troupe, the Zhejiang Song and Dance Troupe, the Zhejiang Beijing Opera Troupe and the acrobatic group of the Zhejiang Art School gave excellent performances at the Spring Festival party.

After the performances, accompanied by Comrades Tie Ying, Li Fengping and others, the leading central level Comrades Deng Xiaoping, Peng Zhen and others mounted the stage to shake hands with the literary and art workers and congratulate them for their fine performances. Also watching the literary and art performances were Yang Dezhong and Wang Hanbin, members of the CPC Central Committee; Wu Weiren, alternate member of the CPC Central Committee; and others who had accompanied the leading central level Comrades Deng Xiaoping, Peng Zhen and others to conduct an inspection tour in Hangzhou.

Also attending this morning's Spring Festival party were members and alternate members of the provincial CPC Committee, the Standing Committee members of the provincial People's Congress, the Standing Committee members of the provincial CPPCC Committee, the NPC deputies and the members of the national CPPCC Committee who happened to be in Hangzhou; responsible party and government persons in Hangzhou City; responsible persons of the various departments of the provincial CPC Committee, the provincial military district and the provincial CPPCC Committee; responsible persons of the various colleges, universities and institutions of higher learning and industrial and mining enterprises under the direct administration of the central government; advisers at the department and bureau levels; retired cadres; responsible persons of various democratic parties and mass organizations; renowned personages, scientists and technicians, and national model workers and combat heroes who happened to be in Hangzhou.

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